



COMIO
Council on Mentally Ill Offenders

*Building bridges between
criminal justice & behavioral health
to prevent incarceration*

**Executive
Officer's Report**

**COMIO
Business Items**

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Business Items for Discussion

- Upcoming Annual Report
- COMIO Best Practices Awards
- Late Breaking Policy Issues
- 2018 Meeting Schedule and Format






Annual Report

Feedback on the Annual Report from 2016:

- ✓ Very Comprehensive and Detailed
- ✓ Summarized Significant Research and Data
- ✓ Excellent Orientation to the Continuum of Diversion Options

BUT ...

- ✓ Too Complex
- ✓ Too Many Findings and Recommendations
- ✓ Too Much to Digest

Annual Report

Improvements for 2017

Focus on Two Key Policy Issues

- 1) Maximizing Opportunities to Serve the Justice-Involved with Behavioral Health Issues under Medi-Cal
- 2) Understanding the Various Roles and Benefits of Service Providers with Lived Experience



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Improvements for 2017

Focus on Counties with Programs/Efforts Consistent with the 4 Outcomes Associated with the Stepping Up Initiative

- 1) Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness Booked into Jail
- 2) Shorten the Average Length of Stay for People with Mental Illness in Jail
- 3) Increase the % of People with Mental Illness in Jail Connected to the Right Services and Supports
- 4) Lower Rates of Recidivism



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Improvements for 2017

Bring Real Life Examples and Voices to the Report

- 1) Staff Site Visits to 6 Counties
Riverside, Orange, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Luis Obispo and Fresno
- 2) Key Informant Interviews
- 3) General Survey



Annual Report

Outline of the Report –

- A. Executive Summary
- B. Opportunities Under Medi-Cal
 - 1. Protect Medi-Cal Expansion
 - 2. Impact of Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)
 - 3. Impact of the Whole Person Care Pilot (WPC)
 - 4. Other Initiatives/Efforts to Maximize/Leverage Federal Funding



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Outline of the Report –

- C. Understanding the Various Roles and Benefits of Service Providers with Lived Experience
 - 1. Peer Support Specialists
 - 2. Family Advocates
 - 3. Community Health Workers
- D. County Programs and the 4 Outcomes
 - 1. Reducing Jail Bookings
 - 2. Shortening Jail Stays
 - 3. Increasing Connections to Care
 - 4. Reducing Recidivism



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Outline of the Report –

- E. Recommendations
- F. Appendices
 - 1. Update on Key Recommendations from 2016
(note this will allow COMIO to weigh in on key policy issues not covered in other parts of the report)
 - 2. Status Report Log on the Medi-Cal Utilization Data Project
 - 3. Stakeholder and Outreach Log of COMIO Activities
 - 4. Fact Sheets
 - 5. References/ Endnotes
 - 6. Other as needed



Annual Report

Need at least one volunteer to thoroughly review

1. Medi-Cal Recommendations
2. Providers with Lived Experience Recommendations

Volunteers?

All Members will Review Proposed Recommendations before Voting on November 7th

Other Comments or Questions on the Annual Report?



COMIO Best Practices Awards

In 2016 COMIO honored one program in each of the following areas – Diversion, Training, and Juvenile Justice

Criteria for Selection:

- ✓ Collaborating Across Systems
- ✓ Demonstrating Measurable Success
- ✓ Having Relevance to COMIO's Purpose
- ✓ Making a Difference

AND - Programs were selected to raise awareness about the strategies and outcomes associated with best practices that are highlighted in COMIO's Annual Legislative Report



COMIO Best Practices Awards

Staff Recommendation for 2017:

A) Apply the same criteria to honor one program in each of the six counties
COMIO will feature in the 2017 Annual Legislative Report.

B) Honor each of the six programs at the November 7th Legislative Briefing providing an opportunity to highlight their successful work

C) Delegate to staff and at least 2 COMIO Member volunteers the final selections

Volunteers?

Motion to Approve?



Late Breaking Policy Issues

What Does SB 811 Do?

1. Reaffirms continued existence within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
2. Changes the Council's name to the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health
3. Directs the Council to also address the needs of those who receive substance use disorder services that have been determined to be medically necessary
4. Adds direction regarding appointments to encourage the consideration of experience with the criminal justice or behavioral health systems, or both, either personally, as a family member, or as a caregiver.



Late Breaking Policy Issues

Benefits of SB 811 ...

1. Removes stigmatizing language and gives the Council an opportunity to inform others about what Behavioral Health Services are and the importance of people first language.
2. Facilitates a focus on preventing incarceration for those suffering with mental health and substance use disorder challenges.
3. Encourages future appointments of those with lived experience in the criminal justice and/or behavioral health systems.

Future Activities ... 2018

1. Rebranding
2. Awareness Campaign
3. Strengthen Council and Staff expertise in SUD issues focusing on Co-Occurring disorders



Late Breaking Policy Issues

MHSOAC Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project Recommendations

Motion: Delegate to staff, with input from members as warranted, comments regarding the MHSOAC's Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project Recommendations

(Note ... staff and a few members will be attending the September 29th public meeting regarding the recommendations)

Community Infrastructure Grants for Diversion (\$68 Million) to be Administered by CA Health Facilities Financing Authority

Motion: Delegate to staff, with input from members as warranted, comments on any proposed guidance regarding the Community Infrastructure Grants for Diversion



Late Breaking Policy Issues

Enrolled Legislation

AB 74 (Chiu) Supportive Housing Grants
 AB 154 (Levine) Mental Health Evaluations
 AB 208 (Eggman) Pre-Trial Diversion
 AB 210 (Santiago) Homeless Multi-Disciplinary Teams
 AB 395 (Bocanegra) Medicated Assisted Treatment
 AB 529 (Stone) Sealing Juvenile Records
 AB 683 (Garcia) Reentry Pilots
 AB 720 (Eggman) Psychiatric Medication Informed Consent
 AB 935 (Stone) Juvenile Competency Restoration



Late Breaking Policy Issues

Enrolled Legislation

AB 1115 (Jones-Sawyer) Expungement
 AB 1308 (Stone) Youth Offender Parole Hearings
 AB 1315 (Mullin) Early Detection and Intervention
 SB 312 (Skinner) SB 393 (Lara), SB 625 (Atkins) Sealing
 Records Juveniles and Honorable Discharge
 SB 323 (Mitchell) FQHC or RHC Same Day Billing for Drug and
 Specialty Medi-Cal
 SB 684 (Bates) Incompetent to Stand Trial Conservatorship



Late Breaking Policy Issues

2-Year Bills

AB 1116 (Grayson) Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services
 Act
 AB 1372 (Levine) Crisis Stabilization Units – Stay extension
 AB 1488 (Thurmond) County Juvenile Transition Centers
 AB 1615 (Maienschein) Community Paramedicine Services
 SB 8 (Beall) Diversion
 SB 10 (Hertzberg) Bail Reform (AB 42 – Bonta)
 SB 142 (Beall) Incentives for Community Based Alternatives to
 Incarceration
 SB 222 (Hernandez) Medi-Cal Suspension
 SB 350 (Galgiani) Health Records Exchange/ Correctional



Meeting Schedule 2018 Discussion

Questions/Discussion:

1. Did people like the ½ day workshop and full day council meeting format?
Why or Why Not?
2. The local educational site visit appears valuable to stakeholders, what do members think?
3. As an alternative schedule another option could be 1 full day Council meeting every other month, thoughts?



Announcements and Important Dates

- Words to Deeds Paradigm Award Nominations – Due September 29th
- Legislative Briefing – Tuesday November 7th 10AM to 12:30PM at the State Capitol (room # TBA)
- Words to Deeds – Tuesday November 7th 1PM through Thursday November 9th 1PM
- **OTHERS to SHARE?**